

# Johann Sebastian Bach

(to the Town Council)

Leipzig, 24 August 1736

*mf* *f*

**Grave**

Voice

Guitar

*f*

Mag - ni-fi-cent, most hon - ourable

gentlemen, our wise and learned councillors, dis - tinguished Lords and

Pa - trons, et cet-e-ra, et cet-era, et cetera... May

*poco rall.*

*mf*

**Allegro**

it please you to con-de-scend to hear how Herr Jo - han-nes Fredrich

Eit - el - wien, a mer-chant in the town of Leip - zig, was

*f* *sfz* *f*

*f*

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13 *allarg. più f*

mar - ried on the twelfth of Au - gust of the pre - sent year out of

*allarg.*

16 **Meno mosso, gioviale** *mf* *rallentando*

town, and therefore thinks himself entitled to withhold the fees due us in all such cases,

*mf* *rallentando*

19 **Ancora poco meno, pesantissimo** *f* *molto tratt.* **Allegro**

and has made bold to disregard our many kind remin - ders.

*ff* *mf*

20 *sfz - f*

Whereas the said fees — make up the great - er part of our e -

*f*

23 *più f* *sfz* *f*

mol - u - ments, a per - qui - site of this po - si - tion and

*più f*

26 *poco a poco cresc.*

no one has hith-er - to en - deavoured to with - hold from us our

*poco a poco cresc.* *(senza rit.)*

29 **Meno mosso gioiale**

*ff* law-ful share. *mf* We therefore feel compelled to beg you, honoured Lords and Gracious

*ff* *mf*

32 **Ancora meno, pesantissimo**

*rall.* Pa - trons for this rea - son *f* to take us un - der your pro - tec - tion and by

*rall.* *ff*

34 **accel. . . . fino al tempo dell' Allegro**

your de - cision to uphold us in our old rights and a - greed Sa - la - ri - o, and further to en -

*f*

37 *ff* *sfz* *ff*

join up - on the said Herr Eit-el-wien that he re - mit to us a due pro - portion of the

*ff*

## Meno mosso, gioviale

41 *rall.* *mf* *rallentando*

foresaid marriage fees, together with the costs occasioned, in this instance, which we

*rall.* *mf* *rallentando*

44 *Grave* *f*

al-so claim, with all res - pect and rev-erence. Mag -

*ff* *f*

47

ni-fi-cent and hon - ourable gentlemen, most wise and learned

49 *poco a poco dim.* *mf* *poco a poco dim.*

councillors, dis - tinguished Lords and Pa - trons, from your most

*mf*

51 *allarg.* *Adagio* *p* *mp* *pp*

humble and de-voted ser-vant, Johann Se - bastian Bach.

*allarg.* *p* *mp*